Highlights for 7/18/2016

- Facility owner removed 7 truckloads of frozen product. 6 truckloads of frozen product remain and are scheduled for removal tomorrow, after which the facility should be void of any frozen product
- EPA's refrigeration contractor was on site and completed preparation work (Phase I) for removal of ammonia.
- 7 families (36 people) remain relocated.
- HASP approved, JHAs will be developed for each Phase of operations. Phase I of operations approved. JHA for Phase II will be reviewed at tomorrow's meeting.

Objectives for 7/19/2016

- Complete removal of frozen product
- Complete preparations for shelter in place/evacuations of residents during Phase II operations
- Continue to inform the public of ongoing activities
- Continue air monitoring
- Continue relocation efforts
- Continue receiving IMACC air modeling support

NEXT UC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, 7/19/16, AT CITY HALL, 4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Sitrep for 7/18/16 activities:

EPA's refrigeration contractor was on site and completed preparation work for removal of the ammonia. This work included a refrigeration system operations and safety check. Safety interlocks functioned properly and the system was determined to be sufficiently safe for the planned operations. System valving fabrication and direct piping installation to the system for the pump out was completed.

EPA and NJDEP attended a meeting convened by the VFD with the approximately thirty-five local, county, and state emergency response officials responsible for coordinating the evacuation of the homes, including an apartment complex, during the planned system pump down tentatively scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday. Plans include relocating effected residents to local community centers, road closures, food service, emergency preparations for hazmat response and electric power cutoff to the facility if necessary.

EPA PAD received and replied to one press inquiry from the Press of Atlantic City. PAD and OSC Harrington conducted a Q&A session with a reporter from The Grapevine.

All seven homes in the immediate vicinity of the facility eligible for relocation have opted to relocate and are currently relocated. The seven homes contain a total of 36 people. Relocation of the residents is scheduled to continue until the ammonia is removed from the system and the UC determines it is safe for the residents to return home.